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Reconsideration of the rejection of the present application under 35 USC 102, 35 USC 103, 35 USC 112 and the objections thereto, is hereby requested.

The specification stands objected to as not providing proper antecedent basis for claims 23, 24 and 25. Claims have been cancelled without prejudice, thus making such objection moot. Withdrawal of such objection to the specification is therefore earnestly requested.

Claims 16 through 22, and claims 33 through 40 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting. A terminal disclaimer and fee is filed along with this amendment. Withdrawal of the rejection to those claims 16 through 22 and claims 33 through 40 inclusive is hereby respectfully requested.

Claims 37 and 39 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite for including the term "and the like". Such term has been removed. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC 112 is hereby respectfully requested.

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Claim 16 stands objected to because of a typographical error. Such error has been corrected. It is requested that such objection be withdrawn.

Claims 23 through 25 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103. However, since claims 23 through 25 have been cancelled, such rejection becomes moot, and withdrawal of such rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 26 through 32 stand allowed. The drawings stand objected to by the Office Draftsperson. The drawings will be corrected upon receipt of the notice of allowance.

Claims 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 26 and 28 have been amended to recite the word "antenna" in place of "probe" which is believed to now be more descriptive and accurate. Similar amendments have been made in claims 33, 37 and 39 as well as deleting further superfluous terminology therein. The probe is in fact an antenna which is defined in the *American Heritage* dictionary, copyright 2000, as, "a metallic apparatus for sending or receiving electromagnetic waves".

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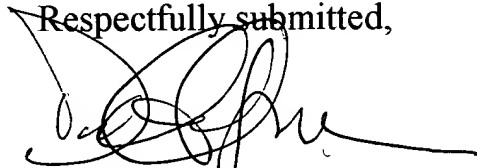
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Approval of the amendments and passage to allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any unresolved issues, the Examiner is invited to please call the undersigned for a discussion of same.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald N. Halgren', written over the words 'Respectfully submitted,'.

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